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McGraw-Hill will publish on April 19 "The Star-Spangled Contract," a first novel by Jim Garrison, the former New Orleans district attorney whose 1967-69 investigation of the assassination of John F. Kennedy ended in the acquittal of the late Clay Shaw. Described by the publishers as "not a scenario for the J.F.K. case," the book is about the effort of a former undercover agent to save a post-Ford President from assassination by people within his own government. Paperback rights have been sold for $250,000 to Warner Communications, parent company of Warner Brothers Films.